



## Alabama Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

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This is the seventy-first issue of the Faith and Community-Based Loop (FCB Loop). The FCB Loop is a listserv that sends out biweekly email updates with postings of upcoming conferences, information, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops that would be of interest to Faith and Community-Based organizations. Please send any upcoming information about conferences, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops to [Nakia.Kyler@ServeAlabama.gov](mailto:Nakia.Kyler@ServeAlabama.gov) to be published in the FCB Loop.

*Please Note: The headings of new additions to the Loop are italicized and in red.*

### **Conferences, Trainings, Seminars and Workshops**

- **The Alabama Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Information Seminar**

The purpose of this quarterly seminar, which is sponsored by the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GFBCI), is to assist faith and community based organizations enhance the programs and services they provide. The session will provide an overview of the GFBCI, funding updates, networking opportunities, and a question and answer session.

The next session is October 9, 2008 at 10:00 am in the Purchasing Auditorium, Suite 192 at the RSA Union Building located at 100 N. Union Street in Montgomery.

There is no cost to attend.

Please respond to [info@servealabama.gov](mailto:info@servealabama.gov) or call the GFBCI Office at 334-954-7440 to RSVP prior to your attendance or if you have any questions.

- **GrantStation Webinars Scheduled for October**

How do you broaden your grant support during a recession? This webinar

discusses how to establish an aggressive grantseeking program that can help your organization weather economic downturns. Find out what you can expect from grantmakers in the next year or two, and how to position your organization to take advantage of the current economic climate. Learn a step-by-step grantseeking process to help you secure the grant awards your organization needs to survive and grow.

Cynthia M. Adams, CEO of GrantStation, will teach this 90-minute webinar on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 2 p.m. EDT. The registration fee is \$89 per person. Visit the website listed below to register.

<http://www.grantstation.com/partners/webinaroctober2.html>

- **Free Tour of the Grantstation Website**

Join Cynthia M. Adams, CEO of GrantStation, for a free webinar that offers a short tour of the GrantStation website. Learn how to use the tools that GrantStation provides to help you identify the right grantmaker for any program or project. Tutorials on how to write compelling letters of inquiry and powerful grant proposals are also available. If you've just joined GrantStation, this tour will help you determine the most effective way to use the valuable resources the website provides. If you haven't joined yet, this tour will help you determine if a GrantStation Membership fits your needs. This free tour of the GrantStation website will be offered on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 2 p.m. EDT. Visit the website listed below to register.

<http://www.grantstation.com/partners/webinaroctober3.html>

- **Free Grant Writing Services**

Starting in September, the Homeless Veterans Providers Technical Assistance Center of the North Carolina Governor's Institute on Alcohol and Substance Abuse is sponsoring a series of free workshops throughout the country. Funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Technical Assistance Center focuses its efforts on preparing non-profit organizations and faith-based agencies to apply for the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program. The purpose of the GPD is "to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or appropriate supportive services, including innovative approaches to assist homeless veterans in the transition from homelessness and to enable them to live as independently as possible."

Please check the website ([www.homelessvetprovidertac.net](http://www.homelessvetprovidertac.net)) for the workshop schedule. Only online registration is available on a first come, first serve basis. In addition to the workshops, the Technical Assistance Center offers individualized review of grant applications with feedback and suggestions.

- **Leadership Recruiting Services for Nonprofits**

Bridgestar, an initiative of the Bridgespan Group, is a nonprofit organization providing recruiting services, content, and tools designed to help organizations build strong leadership teams and to encourage individuals to pursue career paths as nonprofit leaders. Bridgestar was founded on the

premise that mission-focused nonprofit organizations have greater opportunity to achieve breakthrough results when they attract, assemble, and nurture strong board and senior leadership teams. Visit the website listed below for details on all of Bridgestar's resources. <https://www.bridgestar.org/>

- **Alabama Marriage and Family**

The Alabama Community Healthy Marriage Initiative (ACHMI) is made up of people who have a passion and expertise for helping families thrive. ACHMI is funded by a 5-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Family Assistance. It is a partnership between Auburn University, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the Children's Trust Fund of Alabama, a consortium of state agencies and organizations, and eleven Family Resource Centers, two Mental Health Centers, and a growing number of other individuals and community-based organizations who have joined together to provide programs and services to support the development and maintenance of healthy relationships and stable marriages throughout Alabama.

The ACHMI has Workshops that can be viewed online at this address: <http://www.alabamamarriage.org/workshops.php>

## **General Information**

- **Ready Alabama on YouTube**

The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Alabama Department of Homeland Security announce that the Public Service Announcements from the Ready Alabama Campaign can now be seen on [www.youtube.com/readyalabama](http://www.youtube.com/readyalabama).

- **Directory of Foundation Workforce and Economic Development Grants**

Organizations that focus on workforce development and job training are a significant asset to their communities. Many corporate and private foundations see the value in these community organizations reaching their neighbors and want to help. This new resource can help bridge the gap between funding and services for many community organizations. The *Directory of Workforce Grant Opportunities* is designed to help FBCOs navigate different funding resources that may assist them in providing workforce development and job-training services. This guide highlights funding resources that are available for FBCOs involved in workforce development, economic development, and employability training. These lists provide a detailed explanation of each grant and contact information to more easily determine eligibility. <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/DFWGO.pdf>

- **Website Connects Good People with Good Causes**

VolunteerMatch believes in the power of volunteering to enrich our lives and the world around us. The organization offers a variety of online services to support a community of nonprofit, volunteer, and business leaders committed to civic engagement. VolunteerMatch welcomes millions of visitors a year and has become the preferred Internet volunteer recruiting tool for more than 50,000 nonprofit organizations. Visit the website listed below to learn more about VolunteerMatch and its services. <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>

- **Fight Hunger Initiative**

Is an effort to engage all citizens in the fight against hunger in communities across America. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) created an online toolkit that offers a step-by-step guide on how to help neighbors in need, from volunteering at a food drive to planting community gardens. Secretary of Agriculture Schafer is also encouraging people to nominate an individual or organization for the Fight Hunger Initiative Award to recognize exemplary work in the fight against hunger. The toolkit includes additional resources to help you learn more about USDA food and nutrition programs. To learn more about the Fight Hunger Initiative, please visit [www.usda.gov/secretary](http://www.usda.gov/secretary)

- **Faith-Based Resources**

The National Criminal Justice Reference Service, in partnership with the Office of Justice Programs, has launched a new online resource for nongovernment community organizations—including faith-based ones—that provide victim services. To learn more about the resources available, visit <http://www.ncjrs.gov/faithbased/>

- **New Website for NGOs Launched**

The Microsoft NGO Connection website has been launched to provide nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) a place to go to learn how to use technology more effectively and to access the resources Microsoft and its partners offer. The website provides free or discounted software applications, training and certification information, and NGO discussion forums. The goal of the website is to help NGOs achieve their organizational goals more efficiently. Visit the website listed below to learn more about this new online resource. <http://www.microsoft.com/About/CorporateCitizenship/CommunityInvestment/NGO/en/us/default.aspx>.

- **Tracks to Success**

It's not necessary that you completely understand the intricacies of philanthropic giving in the U.S. -- or elsewhere in the world -- to be a successful grantseeker. However, it is good to know the general lay of the land, to recognize significant trends that have occurred or are occurring, and to be able to tap into that knowledge when speaking with potential donors or grantmakers. Throughout this series, we will focus on specific types of

grantmakers: foundations, corporations and corporate foundations, and associations that have grantmaking programs, as well as on federal, state, and local government funding agencies. To read Part Seven, "Technical Assistance: So Much More than Computer Geeks," visit the GrantStation website. <http://www.grantstation.com/index.asp#tracks>.

- **Network for Good Online Fundraising Tool**

The mission of Network for Good's new online Learning Center is to provide nonprofits with free access to the best available web-based fundraising and nonprofit marketing resources. The Learning Center features hundreds of articles in six areas: Online Fundraising, Social Networking, Website 101, Email 101, Donor Database, and Nonprofit Marketing. Much of the content comes from nonprofit professionals, coaches, trainers, bloggers, and consultants who are working everyday to improve fundraising and marketing effectiveness. To review the resources offered by the Learning Center, please visit <http://www.fundraising123.org/>

- **YouTube Non-Profit Program**

Charitable organizations can now register to upload promotional footage on a new nonprofit YouTube channel. The channel, which is free to nonprofits, will also offer a donation feature available with no processing costs through Google Checkout for Nonprofits. For more information, please see [www.youtube.com/nonprofits](http://www.youtube.com/nonprofits).

- **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**

Helping senior citizens enroll in Medicare's Prescription Drug Plan is one of the largest projects the Alabama Department of Senior Services and the Area Agencies on Aging have undertaken. Last year, the faith-based and community initiatives network assisted the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselors and volunteers at the local Area Agencies on Aging in the Medicare Part D enrollment effort. ADSS is asking for your assistance again this year to ensure our state's elderly population receives proper counseling and advice. Your help is needed to guide new seniors through enrollment and assist those already on Medicare Part D in evaluating their coverage for the coming year. Your organization can help to ensure that seniors receive the counseling they need to make an informed choice. For more information on how to volunteer or to host an event for Medicare beneficiaries and their families, email [ageline@adss.alabama.gov](mailto:ageline@adss.alabama.gov) or call 1-800-AGE-LINE.

- **Data Mapping**

Program coordinators and grant writers who want to convey their communities' needs with solid facts and visual impact can use a new online, interactive resource called DataPlace. Developed and maintained by the Fannie Mae Foundation, DataPlace is a source of demographic, economic, and housing data about communities, regions, and the nation. The DataPlace

mapping tool produces colorful, thematic maps. DataPlace's chart and table builder creates bar and line charts, accompanied by data tables.

<http://www.dataplace.org/>

- **“Evaluation Report: Engaging Persons With Disabilities in Service”**  
Points of Light Foundation  
[http://pointsoflight.org/downloads/pdf/Engag\\_Persons\\_Disabilities.pdf](http://pointsoflight.org/downloads/pdf/Engag_Persons_Disabilities.pdf)
- **“Faith-Based and Community Organizations Pandemic Influenza Checklist”**  
The new checklist identifies steps faith-based and community organizations can take to prepare for a pandemic and could be helpful in other types of emergencies.  
<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/faithcomchecklist.html>
- **Free Web Hosting for Community Groups**  
Think Host, Inc. is offering community groups free and/or discounted web hosting.  
<http://www.thinkhost.com/socialchange/free-hosting.shtml>
- **Kids Count Data Book**  
A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S.  
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp>
- **“Maximizing Program Services Through Private Sector Partnerships and Relationships: A Guide for Faith and Community-Based Service Providers”**  
HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)  
Guide for FBCOs seeking private-sector funding.  
[http://www.samhsa.gov/FBCI/fbci\\_pubs.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/FBCI/fbci_pubs.aspx)
- **“A National Conversation—Friends and Family First”**  
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
Medicare Enrollment Toolkit  
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/downloads/nationalconversation.pdf>
- **Self Assessment and Learning Tool of the Accessible Congregation Campaign**  
The Religion and Disability Program of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) is an interfaith effort, urging national faith groups, local congregations and seminaries to identify and remove barriers of architecture, communications, and attitudes.  
<http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=9&>



- **One-Stop Career Centers**

The Department of Labor has launched One-Stop Career Centers, an integrated system of local information on available jobs, skill requirements, and training provider performance. All the One-Stop services are free. To find one near you click on:

<http://www.servicelocator.org/search/etasearchoffice.asp?zip=&city=&state=AL&proximity=25&search=Search>

- **Successful Strategies for Recruiting, Training, and Utilizing Volunteers Handbook**

This handbook is designed for community groups and faith-based organizations seeking to maximize the skills of their volunteers, expand their services to the community, and enhance their effectiveness. Although the handbook focuses on prevention, treatment, and recovery services for substance abuse and mental illness, the principles described in the handbook can be applied to any field and should help organizations understand how to implement and manage a successful volunteer program.

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbc/publications.html>

## **Grants and Funding Opportunities**

\*\*\*Note: Grants and Funding Opportunities are sorted into categories: Community Development and Housing, Emergency Preparedness and Response; Education and Arts; Health and Human Services; Substance Abuse/ Mental Health; Youth and Eldercare; Foundations; and Resources.

### **Community Development and Housing**

- **Seed Money for Social Change Activists**

Echoing Green sparks social change by identifying, funding, and supporting some of the world's most extraordinary emerging social entrepreneurs and the organizations they launch. Each year, Echoing Green awards 20 two-year fellowships to help social entrepreneurs launch new organizations that deliver bold, high-impact solutions. Fellows receive up to \$90,000 in seed funding and technical support to turn their innovative ideas into sustainable organizations. Individuals at least 18 years of age, or partnerships (organizations led by two people), are eligible to apply.

The application deadline is December 1, 2008. Visit the Echoing Green website to review the Applicant Coaching Guide and submit an online application. <http://www.echoinggreen.org/fellowship>

- **Funds for Wildlife and Habitat Protection**

The mission of the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund is to work with purpose and passion on behalf of wildlife and habitats worldwide, encouraging sustainable solutions through support of species research, animal rescue and rehabilitation, and conservation education. The Fund

provides grants in support of wildlife conservation projects conducted by recognized nonprofit organizations and noted scientists throughout the world. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The application deadline is December 1, 2008. Requests must be submitted online through the website listed below. <http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/>

- **Grants Help Interpret Historic Sites**

The National Wildlife Refuge System Preserve America Grant Program, an initiative of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, provides grants to help foster interpretive, education, and visitor initiatives that incorporate history and historic sites into the Refuge System's mission. This program seeks to protect historic sites, integrate history into refuge interpretive and education programs, and build partnerships with communities and organizations interested in supporting refuge programs. Collaborative projects between local refuges and schools are also encouraged. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and require matching funds. Proposals must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2008. Visit the website listed below to review the Requests for Proposals.

[http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Browse\\_All\\_Programs&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=3946](http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Browse_All_Programs&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=3946)

- **Support for Local Watershed Organizations**

The Center for Watershed Protection (CWP) works to protect, restore, and enhance the nation's streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, and bays. CWP's Technical Capacity Mini-Grant Program will provide support to small watershed organizations throughout the United States. The goal of the mini-grant program is to strengthen the technical capacity of these organizations in the areas of storm water and watershed management.

Up to ten grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 will be awarded. These grants may be in the form of direct assistance from CWP staff or cash awards. Requests may be submitted at any time, and decisions are made on a rolling basis. Visit the website listed below to download the RFP. Please direct questions about the Mini-Grant Program to Lisa Fraley-McNeal at [lfm@cwpl.org](mailto:lfm@cwpl.org). (No phone calls please.)

<http://www.cwpl.org/Calendar/CWPLMinigrantsRFP.pdf>

- **Prisoner Reentry Initiative Grants**

The President's Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (PRI) seeks to strengthen urban communities characterized by large numbers of returning prisoners through an employment-centered program that incorporates mentoring, job training, and other comprehensive transitional services. This program is a joint effort of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Labor (DOL) designed to reduce recidivism by helping inmates find work when they return to their communities. Under this new solicitation, DOL will be awarding grants to faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) to provide post-release services to ex-prisoners in urban communities within the target counties. This



competition is limited to FBCOs operating within the target county identified in each DOJ grant. Jefferson County, AL is the only county listed for the state of Alabama.

Due By: Applications are due by November 4, 2008

Contact: Jeannette Flowers, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Federal Assistance at (202) 693-3332 Flowers.Jeannette@dol.gov

- **Funding Availability for Continuum of Care (CoC)  
Homeless Assistance Programs**

The purpose of the CoC Homeless Assistance Program is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in CoC communities by assisting homeless individuals and families to move to self sufficiency and permanent housing. CoCs that sustain current successful interventions and advance the goal of ending chronic homelessness will receive higher scores.

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=42623>

- **Support for Education and Health**

The GE Healthcare Charitable Giving Program provides support to nonprofit organizations in the United States that focus on youth education and/or promote healthy lives. For the Youth Education grant category, the focus is on underserved communities with low graduation rates; core competencies (math, science, reading, writing); arts in education; and early childhood development programs. For the Healthy Lives grant category, the focus is on childhood obesity; women's healthcare; and cancer, heart disease, and diabetes prevention and education programs.

Online applications are due quarterly ( August 1, and November 1).

For more information please go to:

<http://www.gehealthcare.com/usen/about/commitment.html>.

- **Awards Empower Women in the U.S.**

The goal of the Avon Hello Tomorrow Fund, an initiative of Avon Products, Inc., is to help strengthen the position of women and girls in society. The Fund provides individuals in the United States with cash awards that will allow them to pursue a project that targets the needs of women in the United States. Each week the Fund will offer one \$5,000 award to an individual who has submitted a compelling application that both advances the interests of women and ultimately improves society. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and legal residents of the United States or its territories. Men are also eligible to apply as long as the program benefits women.

The remaining application deadlines for 2008 are September 1 and December 1.

For more information please go to

<http://shop.avon.com/HelloTomorrowFund/>.

- **Services for Disabled Children Supported**

The Innovating Worthy Projects Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that are dedicated to providing direct care or services for children with special needs, acute illnesses, or chronic disabilities. Preference is given to small organizations that might not otherwise be helped. Grants support new ideas and approaches to providing services as well as equipment purchases.

Requests are accepted from January 1 through August 31, annually.

Please see <http://www.iwpcf.org/> for more information.

- **Christian Values Network**

Christian Values Network was created to help individuals financially support their chosen ministry, church, or charity. [CVN](#) has over 125 shopping partnerships with leading online retailers offering Everyday, and, Christian products. When you purchase through this [CVN](#) community of online shopping partners – "To Buy Is To Give"™ -- [CVN](#) will typically give between 3% and 7% of your purchase to your chosen ministry, church, or charity. This means your ministry, church, or charity will be receiving 50% of CVN's net revenue. There is never a charge for your ministry, church, or charity to join the [CVN](#) program. It is also FREE for their constituents to become CVN Members. We cordially invite you to take advantage of the FREE CVN Membership, and begin helping to financially support your ministry, church, or charity.

Please go to [www.cvn.org](http://www.cvn.org) for more details.

- **Grants Encourage Citizen Engagement**

The mission of the Wallace Global Fund is to promote an informed and engaged citizenry, to fight injustice, and to protect the diversity of nature and the natural systems upon which all life depends. The Fund seeks to further its mission through fundamental public policy and systemic change. Proposals are reviewed in the following program areas: natural resources, women's human rights, and media. The Fund supports activities at the global and national level, and will also consider significant local or regional initiatives offering the potential to leverage broader national or global impact.

Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year.

For more information please go to <http://www.wgf.org/>.

- **Breaking Down Divisions**

The Mix It Up Grants Program, administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, provides \$500 grants to youth-directed activist projects that focus on identifying, crossing, and challenging social boundaries in schools and communities. Funded projects must promote collaboration across social boundaries — different youth groups, clubs, or community groups working together. Ideally, the project should be created and implemented by youth; however, various adults and community volunteers should also be invited to participate.

Applications are accepted throughout the year.

For more information, please see <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>.

- **Build-A-Bear Workshop's Bearemy's Kennel Pals Pet Program**  
Support local domestic pet programs, including animal shelters, stray pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and educational pet programs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Priority is given to communities where Build-A-Bear Workshop has several stores. Grants are generally provided for specific programs; matching and challenge grant requests are also considered.  
Grants will generally range from \$2,500 to \$50,000  
Requests are accepted throughout the year, and reviewed quarterly  
<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/bkp.aspx>
- **Green Communities Initiative: Charrette Grants**  
Green Communities offers Charrette Grants for up to \$5,000 to assist housing developers with integrating green building systems in their developments and engage in a serious discussion of green design possibilities. Enterprise will award planning grants to affordable housing developers to coordinate green charrettes. A Green Communities Charrette is a working session that will bring together a diverse group of housing development professionals, as well as funders, policymakers, and community stakeholders to integrate sustainable green design principles into affordable housing developments. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis  
<http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/Charrettes.asp>
- **Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program: Stand Down Grants**  
Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) have made funds available to host events for homeless veterans in local communities where they are receiving services.  
Limit of \$5,000 per application  
Rolling applications  
<http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/hvrp/main.htm>
- **Innovative National and International Programs Supported**  
The Ford Foundation is a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. The goals of the Foundation are to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. The Foundation works mainly by making grants or loans through three major program areas: Asset Building and Community Development; Peace and Social Justice; and Knowledge, Creativity, and Freedom. Support is generally directed to activities that are likely to have wide effect rather than local programs with limited scope. Letters of inquiry are considered throughout the year  
<http://www.fordfound.org/about/guideline.cfm>
- **International Paper Company Foundation**

Grants will support programs in the areas of education, employee involvement, and community development. Education grants focus on career development for minorities, environmental education, and literacy. Employee-involvement grants support nonprofit organizations at which International Paper Company employees volunteer. Community development grants provide seed money for new projects that benefit communities where the company has operations.

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis

[http://www.internationalpaper.com/Our%20Company/IP%20Giving/IP%20Foundation/B\\_Grant\\_Guidelines.html](http://www.internationalpaper.com/Our%20Company/IP%20Giving/IP%20Foundation/B_Grant_Guidelines.html)

- **Loan Guarantee Program for Transitional Housing**

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Low-interest loans to develop multifamily transitional housing with supportive services for homeless veterans.

15 low-interest rate loans with an aggregate dollar amount of \$100 million

Applications are submitted on a rolling basis

<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=8>

- **State Farm: Strong Neighborhoods, Community Development Grant**

Supports nonprofit organizations' programs that: 1) Make housing affordable; Promote first-time homeownership; 2) Eliminate barriers to homeownership; 3) Educate homebuyers about insurance, loss mitigation, and homeownership; 4) Foster sustainable communities; and 5) Rehabilitate neighborhoods or communities.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

<http://www.statefarm.com/foundation/cogrants.htm>

- **Support for Environmental Programs**

The Waste Management Charitable Giving Program is committed to making company communities safer, cleaner, and better places to live and work. One of the primary focus areas of the Charitable Giving Program is the environment. The company is committed to helping provide renewable resources to reduce our nation's dependence on fossil fuels, and to conserving and maintaining wetlands, wildlife habitats and green spaces for people's enjoyment. Support is also provided to environmental education programs, including environmental.

Applications are accepted year round and are reviewed on a continuous basis

<http://www.wm.com/WM/community/Giving.asp>

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

- **Seed Money for Fire Control Efforts Worldwide**

The FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program offers seed money to fire departments and related international, national, state, regional, and local organizations for a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control

efforts. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for pre-fire planning for commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities; fire and arson prevention and investigation; and fire prevention education and training programs. Examples of funded projects include: preventive juvenile fire-setter programs, continuing education courses, digital and specialized cameras, and community outreach initiatives and workshops. Requests may be submitted throughout the year and are reviewed quarterly. Please go to <http://www.fmglobal.com/page.aspx?id=01060200>.

- **Support for Disaster-Affected Libraries**

In collaboration with the American Library Association, the American Association of School Libraries, and the National Education Association, Dollar General provides support to public school libraries in the company's communities through the Beyond Words program. Libraries that have been severely damaged due to natural disaster, fire, or federally-recognized terrorist acts are eligible to apply for funding to replace or supplement books, media, and/or library equipment. (The impact on the libraries can be through direct loss or through enrollment increases due to displaced/evacuated students.)

Grants generally range between \$5,000 and \$15,000.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

To learn more, please see

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslawards/dollargeneral/disasterrelief.cfm>

- **Seed Grants for Community Message System**

Community Voice Mail (CVM) provides free, 24-hour nationwide voice mail to people in crisis and transition – connecting them to jobs, housing, safe communication, and much more. In 39 cities throughout the U.S., CVM sites are hosted by one main social or health service agency which is responsible for funding and managing the CVM service for the whole city/community.

Through a grant from the Cisco Systems Foundation, CVM is making multiple \$20,000 seed grants available to local agencies willing to “host” CVM for the whole community (for cities or MSA’s with population of 300,000 and greater).

Applications will be accepted through the remaining months of 2007 and into 2008. A copy of the Request for Proposals is [available here](#). For additional information, contact Anna Landa at [aland@cvmm.org](mailto:aland@cvmm.org).

- **2005 Hurricane Victim Assistance**

For Washington, Mobile, and Clarke Counties The funds are restricted to residents of those three counties and does include those who were displaced from other areas, but are now residing in those counties.

United Way of Southwest Alabama

The assistance is for delinquent mortgage or rental payments and also for rental deposits for those who can no longer reside in their homes or apartments. The United Way of Southwest Alabama has guidelines for eligibility and the clients must be seen by one of our housing counselors. If

they are working with 2005 hurricane victims and need the assistance mentioned above, have the client contact us at 251-246-9898 in Clarke County or 251-602-0011 for Washington or Mobile Counties.

- **Hurricane Disaster Assistance**

The Rural Housing Service programs are administered through USDA Rural Development. This Notice is intended to announce the availability of supplemental hurricane disaster assistance to be administered through the Community Facilities (CF) Direct Loan and Grant program. USDA Rural Development will provide CF Grant funds in the amount of \$20,000,000 and CF Direct loan funds in the amount of \$149,253,000 for essential community facilities in rural areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/E6-13432.htm>

- **Phase II Hurricane Response and Recovery Grant**

*Funding Assistance only for Mobile, Washington and Clarke Counties*

United Way of Southwest Alabama

Mortgage/rental assistance of \$20,000 to homeless families who are Katrina victims who have children under 18 years of age. Organizations can refer families to the Homeless Coalition of the Gulf Coast but we are the only organization that will distribute these funds. Checks will be written to rental agencies, mortgage companies, etc. on behalf of the eligible families but NOT to families themselves. Those applying; have children under the age of 18; provide all required documentation; can only be used for mortgage and rental assistance. Anyone interested in applying or referring families can call the Homeless Coalition of the Gulf Coast at 441-1991 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30 pm.

### **Education and Arts**

- **Funds for Innovative Museum Programs**

The purpose of the MetLife Foundation Museum and Community Connections program is to encourage art museums to reach out to large numbers of people of all ages and backgrounds through imaginative programs and/or exhibits that help people understand and appreciate each other and the world. Museums that have been in existence at least five years and are located in Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, or Wisconsin are eligible to apply. Funding may be requested for one or a combination of the following categories: Collaborations, Artist Residencies, Exhibits, and Offsite Programming.

The application deadline is October 17, 2008.

Visit the website listed below to download the Request for Proposal (RFP).



- **Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation Accepting Applications for National Child Care Teacher Awards**

Child care teachers from all fifty states and the District of Columbia are invited to apply. Fifty teachers will be selected for their commitment and dedication to the children they serve. Of the top ten recipients, one will be selected to receive the Helene Marks Award.

The fifty award recipients will each receive \$1,000 - \$500 as a stipend acknowledging each child care teacher's special dedication and \$500 to fund the classroom enhancement project they designed.

Deadline: December 5, 2008

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=215400028](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=215400028)

- **National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Invites Applications for Equity in Mathematics Grants**

The Mathematics Education Trust will award an \$8,000 grant (increased from \$3,000 last year) to an individual or a small group of teachers currently teaching mathematics in grades six through eight. Recipients of the Equity in Mathematics Grant must be members of NCTM and be current teachers of mathematics in grades six through eight for at least 50 percent of the school day. Activities are to be completed between June 1, 2009, and May 31, 2010.

Deadline: November 14, 2008.

<http://www.nctm.org/met.aspx>

- **Grants for K-12 Math and Science Teachers**

The Toshiba America Foundation promotes quality science and mathematics education in U.S. K-12 schools by supporting programs that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics. The Foundation offers the following two programs: The Program for K-6 Science and Math Education provides grants of up to \$1,000 to teachers in public or private schools in order to improve the teacher's science and math teaching units. The application deadline is October 1, annually. The Program for 7-12 Science and Math Education provides small grants of up to \$5,000 and large grants of over \$5,000 to forward-thinking science and mathematics teachers in order to engage students in positive and challenging learning experiences.

Applications for small grants may be submitted throughout the year. Large grant applications must be submitted by August 1 or February 1, annually.

For more information please go to

<http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp>.

- **Teaching Tolerance Grant Program**

The Teaching Tolerance project of the Southern Poverty Law Center offers grants for implementing tolerance and youth activism projects. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be: small scale, resourceful and

student-focused, promoting acceptance of diversity, peacemaking, community service, or any other aspect of tolerance education; clearly defined, well integrated, and tailored to the specific needs and interests of particular learners and their communities; economically responsible, involving staff participation, community volunteers, and in-kind contributions wherever possible; sustainable in some way, rather than one-time-only events or activities.

Award amount of \$500 to \$2,500

There is no application deadline

<http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>

### **Health and Human Services**

- **Support for Healthcare Safety Initiatives**

Through the Patient Safety Grant Program, the Cardinal Health Foundation will award \$1 million in grant funds to support initiatives by hospitals, health systems, and clinics nationwide that establish or implement inventive and creative methods for addressing challenges in providing quality patient care. The Foundation is especially interested in the following two areas in 2009: eliminating healthcare-associated infections, and medication safety and reconciliation. Grants of up to \$50,000 are provided.

Letters of intent are due October 31, 2008;

Invited proposals must be submitted by February 20, 2009.

Visit the website listed above to download the grant guidelines.

<http://www.cardinal.com/us/en/community/apply/index.asp>

- **Grants for Breast Cancer Screening**

The mission of the Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund is to link medically underserved women to breast health education and screening services. Grants are available to organizations providing access to clinical breast exams, mammograms, and education to low-income, minority, underserved, underinsured, and uninsured women. Successful programs should have culturally-competent educational strategies, dedicated staff with specialized language and communications skills, and participation from members of the targeted community. Approximately \$4.4 million in competitive grant funds will be awarded to about 80 to 90 community-based programs and/or health-care agencies. The majority of the grants will range from \$30,000 to \$60,000. The Fund will award at least one grant in every state and two grants in every state where there is an Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

For more information please go to <http://www.avonbreastcare.org/>.

- **Veterans Entrepreneurial Grants**

The Veterans Corporation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting entrepreneurial success for veterans, service-disabled veterans, and members of the National Guard and reserve nationwide. The Veterans Corporation's Development Grant Program supports educational and

outreach organizations that address the entrepreneurial needs of veterans. The focus is on supporting programs for veterans who are starting or growing a small business or preparing a business for deployment.

Grants up to \$50,000

RFP accepted throughout the year.

[http://www.veteranscorp.org/developmentgrants/guidelines\\_forms.html](http://www.veteranscorp.org/developmentgrants/guidelines_forms.html)

- **Grants for Meeting Basic Human Needs**

The Public Welfare Foundation is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs. Organizations are also supported that link their community and local work to other efforts to effect broader public policy change. The Foundation's funding priorities include community development, criminal justice, environment, health, human rights and global security, reproductive and sexual health, and youth. Strong emphasis is given to organizations that include service, advocacy, and empowerment in their approach. While most grants are made to organizations in the United States, the Foundation does provide limited support to organizations in other countries.

Letters of inquiry are reviewed throughout the year

<http://www.publicwelfare.org/about/history.asp>

- **Grants Provide Help for the Disadvantaged**

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People focuses its efforts on the empowerment of oppressed and disadvantaged people in the United States who are seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty and injustice. Supported projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them and must address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. The emphasis is on funding local projects; regional, statewide, or national projects are not supported.

Applications are accepted throughout the year

<http://www.pcusa.org/sdop/applicationprocess.htm>

- **Support for Companion Animal Programs**

The PETCO Foundation's mission is to support and promote community groups throughout the U.S. that help better the lives of our animal companions, while strengthening the relationships between people and their pets. The Foundation dedicates its resources to serving the Four Rs: Reduce, Rescue, Rehabilitate, and Rejoice. Support is provided to local organizations that address the Foundation's priorities and that are located in communities with PETCO stores. Applying organizations should be able to enlist the support of their local stores.

Applications are accepted throughout the year and may be submitted directly to the Foundation or to the nearest PETCO store.

- **U.S. Department of Justice: Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide funding to grass-roots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.

Up to \$5,000

Open solicitation contingent upon fund availability

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

**Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Youth and Eldercare**

- **Grants Encourage Children's Creative Play**

The LEGO Children's Fund is committed to helping children (age birth to 14) develop their creativity and learning skills through constructive play. The Fund provides grants to nonprofit organizations that offer innovative projects to cultivate and celebrate a child's exploration of personal creativity and creative problem-solving. Primary areas of support include: early childhood education and development, technology and communication projects that advance learning opportunities, and sports or athletic programs that concentrate on underserved youth. Applications are considered from nonprofit organizations located anywhere within the United States, with emphasis on Connecticut and western Massachusetts.

Requests are reviewed quarterly; the next application deadline is November 1, 2008. Visit the Fund's website to take the required eligibility quiz.

- **United Health Care Children's Foundation**

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation has announced that new grants are available to help children who need critical health care treatment, services, or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their parents' health benefit plans. UHCCF provides grants to families to help pay for child health care services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, prescriptions, and medical equipment such as wheelchairs, orthotics, and eyeglasses. For more information visit the website below.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=214300052](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=214300052)

- **Funds for Alcoholism Prevention Programs Funded**

The mission of the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation is to educate the public that alcoholism is a respectable, treatable disease from which people can and do recover; encourage prevention programs and activities, with an

emphasis on high risk populations; and continually fight to reduce and eliminate the stigma that is associated with the disease of alcoholism. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on the issues of alcoholism, including prevention, treatment, research, public education, and creating awareness of these problems in the nation's work world. While a number of grants go to national organizations, regional and local organizations across the country also receive funds. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

For more information please go to

[http://www.smithersfoundation.org/index.htm?smithers\\_body.htm&2](http://www.smithersfoundation.org/index.htm?smithers_body.htm&2).

- **“Do Something” Offering 2 Weekly Grants for Young Social Entrepreneurs**

Do Something is a not-for-profit organization that works to inspire, support, and celebrate young social entrepreneurs and community activists. The organization offers two weekly grants, co-sponsored by GameStop and Plum TV. “Do Something” and GameStop are offering grants of \$500 each to young people, age 25 and younger, in the United States or Canada who have a great idea for a community-action project and need support to turn their idea into reality. GameStop grants are given out weekly. Do Something and Plum TV are offering grants of \$500 each to social entrepreneurs, age 25 and younger, in the U.S. who have recently created a sustainable project, program, or organization and need funding to further the growth and success of their program. Plum TV grants are given out weekly.

For more information, please visit: [http://www.dosomething.org/grant\\_list](http://www.dosomething.org/grant_list)

- **Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

A joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association to promote the growth of baseball and softball throughout the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, and the purchase of uniforms and equipment to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game.

The average grant amount is \$51,000

Letters of Inquiry are accepted throughout the year.

- **Herbalife Family Foundation**

The Herbalife Family Foundation provides financial assistance to nonprofit organizations around the world that are dedicated to improving the lives of children. The foundation welcomes the opportunity to consider making contributions to organizations and programs that: improve nutrition; support children and families; provide early intervention; correct problem behavior and enhance self-esteem; prevent substance abuse; prevent physical and emotional abuse; create better home environments; and promote physical and emotional health.

Proposals are accepted at any time.

[http://www.herbalifefamily.org/our\\_guidelines.html](http://www.herbalifefamily.org/our_guidelines.html)

- **Seed Grants for Youth Projects**

The Youth Venture Grant Program provides grants to young people (ages 12 to 20) who have a dream or identify a need in their school or community, develop an idea and then, with a team, launch their own community-minded organizations to address that dream or need. Each venture team must have an Ally - a caring adult who advises the team.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are provided to help launch the organization

Applications are accepted throughout the year

<http://www.youthventure.org/index.php?tg=articles&topics=43&new=0&newc=0>

### **Foundations**

- **Actuarial Foundation**

Advancing Student Achievement, an initiative of the Actuarial Foundation, awards grants to schools and groups throughout the United States and Canada for programs that involve actuaries in the teaching of mathematics. The initiative brings together actuaries and educators in local classrooms (grades 4-12) with the belief that interaction with real-world mentors will boost students' interest in math. Applicants for grants will be given wide latitude in designing programs that create a "love of math" in each student. The Foundation can provide a local network of actuaries ready to participate, as well as suggestions on how to integrate math concepts from the workplace into the classroom.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

For more information, please see <http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/>

- **Allstate Foundation**

Proposals for program support must address needs within one of the three focus areas to be considered for funding: Safe and Vital Communities; Economic Empowerment; and Tolerance, Inclusion and Diversity.

The Foundation has no deadlines for submission.

<http://www.allstate.com/Community/PageRender.asp?Page=funding.html>

- **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**

The mission of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation is to support efforts that promote a just, equitable, and sustainable society. The Foundation provides grants through four distinct programs. The Pathways Out of Poverty program supports national initiatives that aim to move low-income people along the road to self-sufficiency. The Civil Society program supports efforts to assist in democratic institution-building and ensure respect of rights and diversity both in the U.S. and internationally. The Environment program promotes policies that protect the diversity of selected ecosystems in North America and around the world. The Flint Area program provides support to local community organizations in the Foundation's hometown of Flint, MI. Letters of inquiry for all four grant programs are accepted at any time. Visit the website listed above for more information.



Please see [www.mott.org](http://www.mott.org) for more details

- **CIGNA Foundation**  
Four broad areas for grant consideration: Health and Human services; Education; Community and Civic Affairs; and Culture and the Arts.  
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis  
[http://www.cigna.com/general/about/community/grant\\_information.html](http://www.cigna.com/general/about/community/grant_information.html)
- **Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption**  
The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption has prepared a toolkit to help community and organizational leaders increase awareness about the joy of foster care adoption. The kit contains sample resources that can be used to promote awareness throughout the year. The kit along with other adoption information can be ordered for free by visiting  
<http://www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.com/materials.asp>  
or by calling 1-800-275-3882.
- **Dominion Foundation**  
The Dominion Foundation supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the economic, physical, and social health of the communities served by Dominion's gas companies. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking in five general categories: health and human services, education, culture and the arts, neighborhood and community development, and the environment.  
Grants range from \$1,000 to \$15,000  
Applications are accepted throughout the year  
<http://www.dom.com/about/community/foundation/index.jsp>.
- **HelpAmerica Foundation**  
The HelpAmerica Foundation is honored to provide volunteer and financial aid to organizations which support the poor and underprivileged and needy and/or homeless Americans, including men, women, children and veterans of war. We are also proud to support the families of active military personnel called to duty.  
Awards from \$2,500 to \$7,500  
Applications are accepted year round  
<http://www.helpamericafoundation.org/howtoapply/index.htm>
- **Hitachi Foundation**  
The Hitachi Foundation's broad purpose is to enhance the well-being of economically and socially isolated people throughout the United States. The Foundation's Business and Communities Grants Program addresses economic isolation in America by investing in business-community partnerships that expand opportunities for people to retain and advance in their jobs, earn living wages, and accumulate savings and assets. Funded projects must demonstrate effective and innovative corporate citizenship

practices and/or promote learning and adoption of good practices. Proposals may only be submitted at the Foundation's invitation. However, nonprofit organizations that meet the Foundation's eligibility requirements are welcome to share initial information through the online inquiry system at any time. Visit the website listed below for more information

<http://www.hitachifoundation.org/grants/index.html>

- **Public Welfare Foundation**

The program supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities, with strong emphasis on organizations that include service, advocacy and empowerment in their approach: service that remedies specific problems; advocacy that addresses those problems in a systemic way through changes in public policy; and strategies to empower people in need to play leading roles in achieving those policy changes and in remedying specific problems.

[http://www.publicwelfare.org/first\\_time/first\\_time.asp](http://www.publicwelfare.org/first_time/first_time.asp)

- **Sparkplug Foundation**

The Sparkplug Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations that are proposing start-up projects in the fields of music, education, and grassroots organizing. In the Music category, the Foundation supports emerging professional musicians or music-development programs. In Education and Teaching, the Foundation funds projects that deal with "the whole student" and with learning as a community activity. In addition to these three categories, the Foundation is currently interested in supporting communities working on sustainable energy and Gulf Coast reconstruction democracy. The next application deadline is October 31, 2008. The Foundation does not accept unsolicited applications. A telephone conversation to determine eligibility must be scheduled in order to initiate the application process. Prospective applicants are strongly urged to read the Foundation's website listed below carefully before requesting a telephone interview.

<http://sparkplugfoundation.org/>

- **The Starr Foundation**

It makes grants in a number of areas, including education, medicine and healthcare, human needs, public policy, culture and the environment.

Awards of up to \$2,000

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

<http://www.starrfoundation.org/>

- **The Surdna Foundation**

The Surdna Foundation is interested in fostering entrepreneurial programs throughout the U.S. that offer viable solutions to difficult systemic problems. The Foundation primarily provides support to nonprofit organizations through the following four program areas. The Community Revitalization category seeks to enhance the quality of life in urban places, increase their ability to

attract a diversity of residents and employers, and insure that urban policies promote social equity. The goals of the Environment category are to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to promote environmentally beneficial and equitable use of land and natural resources. The Effective Citizenry category provides support for young people to take direct action to solve problems in their schools, neighborhoods, and the larger society. The Arts Program is a national initiative focusing on arts and education. Letters of inquiry in most program areas are accepted throughout the year. For more information, please visit [www.surdna.org](http://www.surdna.org)

### **Resources**

- **The Corporation for National and Community Service**  
Grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering for AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and Senior Corps.  
[http://www.nationalservice.gov/for\\_organizations/funding/index.asp](http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp)
- **Grant Writing Tools for Non-Profit Organizations**  
Non-profit guides are free web-based grant-writing tools for non-profit organizations, charitable, educational, public organizations, and other community-minded groups.  
<http://www.npguides.org/index.html>
- **Grantproposal.com**  
A site devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grant writing consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff.  
<http://grantproposal.com/>

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